

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Amended drawings are submitted herewith to relabel the gateway 50 contained in gateway pool 310 of Fig. 3 as a gatekeeper with a gatekeeper legend having been added in the bottom left-hand corner of Figs. 3 and 4.

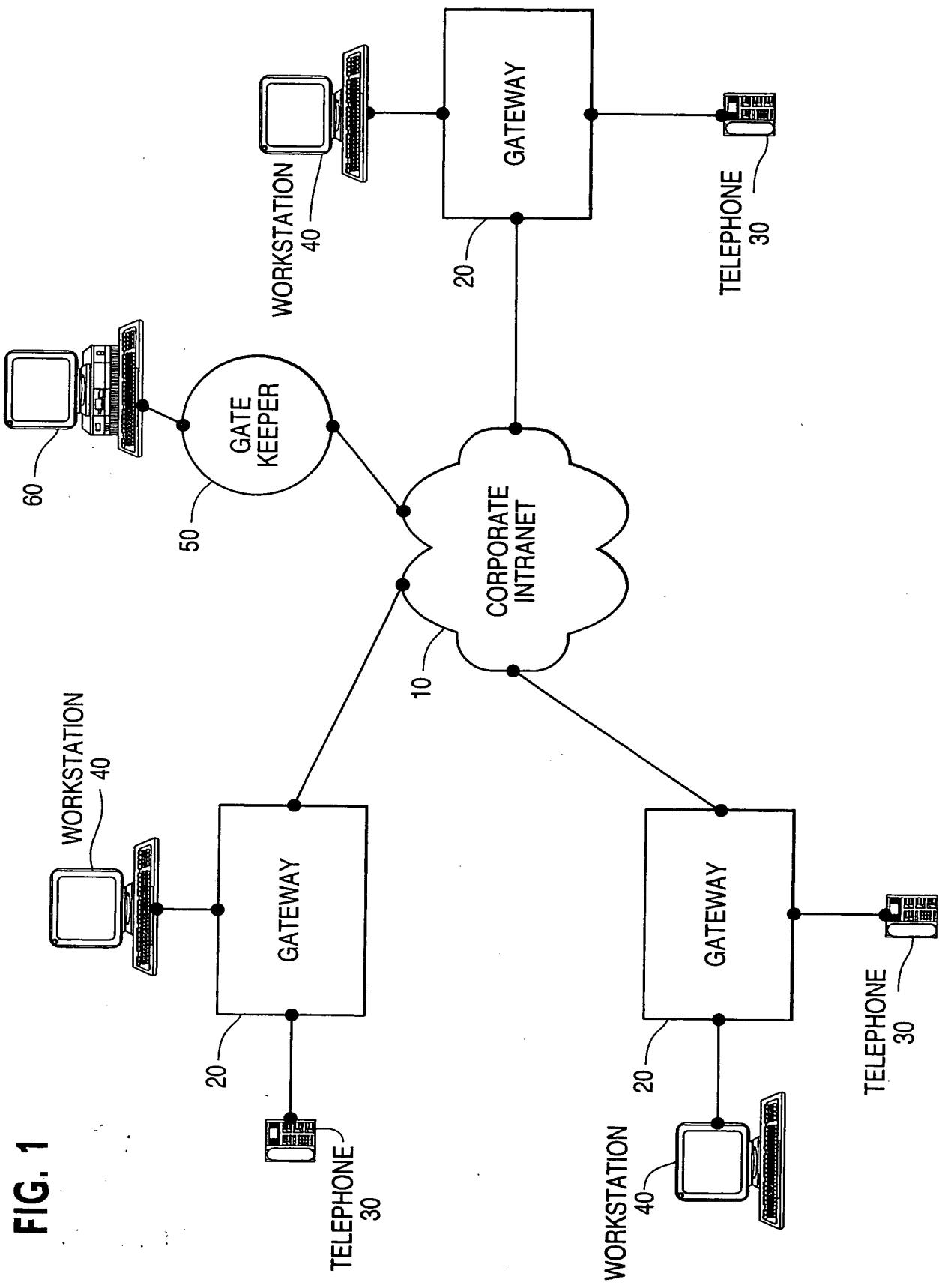
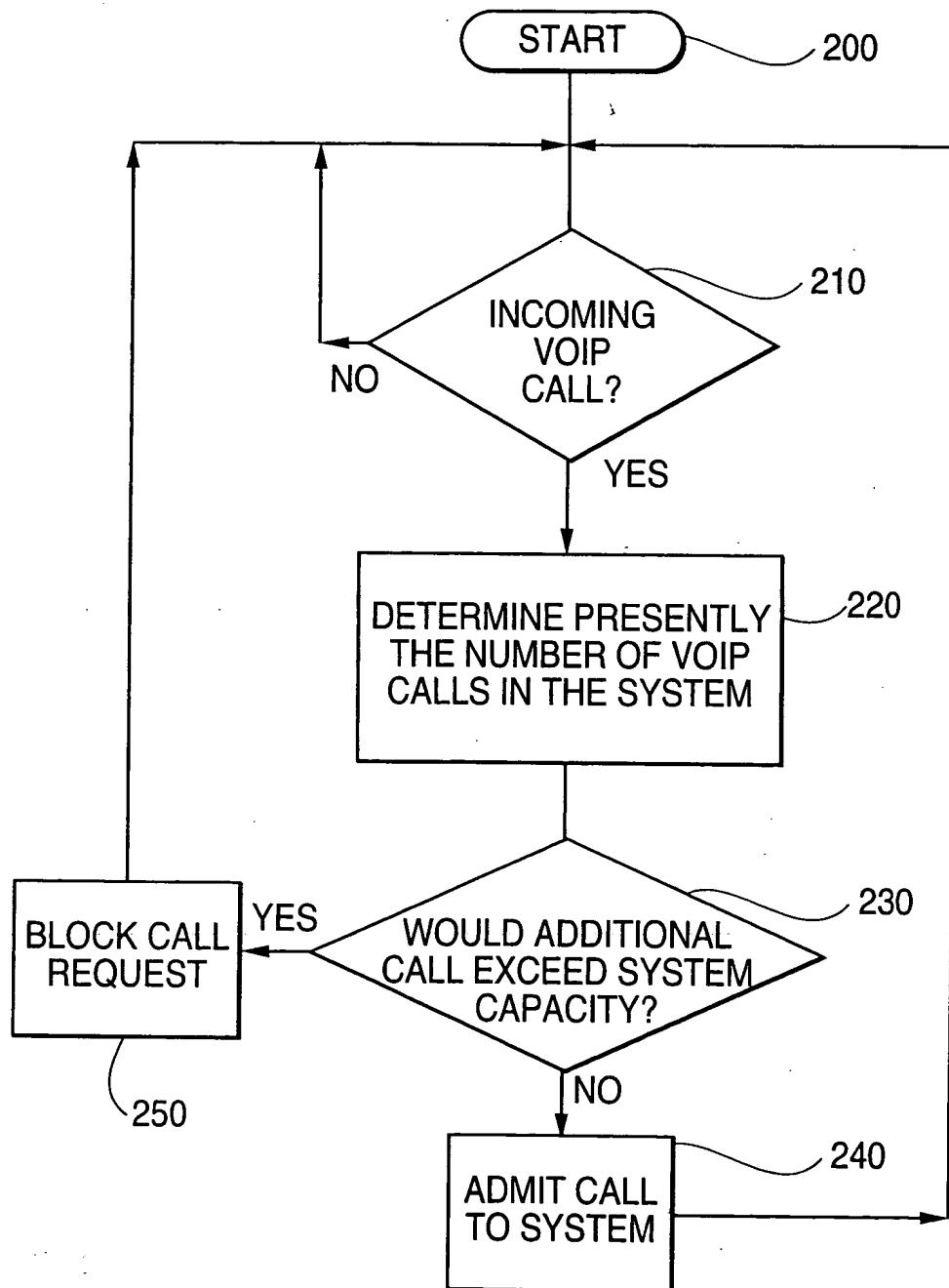
**FIG. 1**

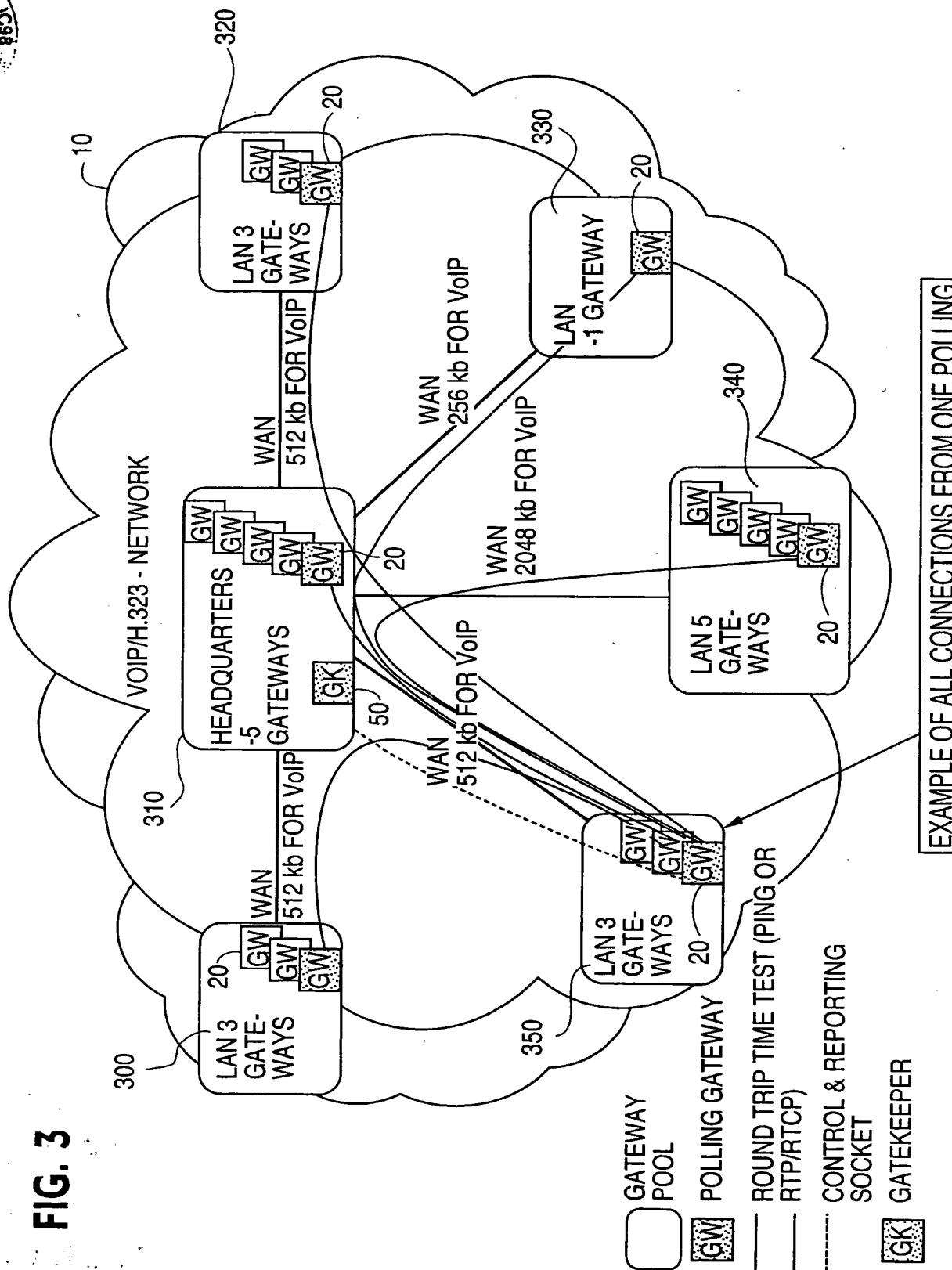


FIG. 2



**FIG. 3**

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**FIG. 4**

## DETERMINING NETWORK STATE USING PING-PROGRAM

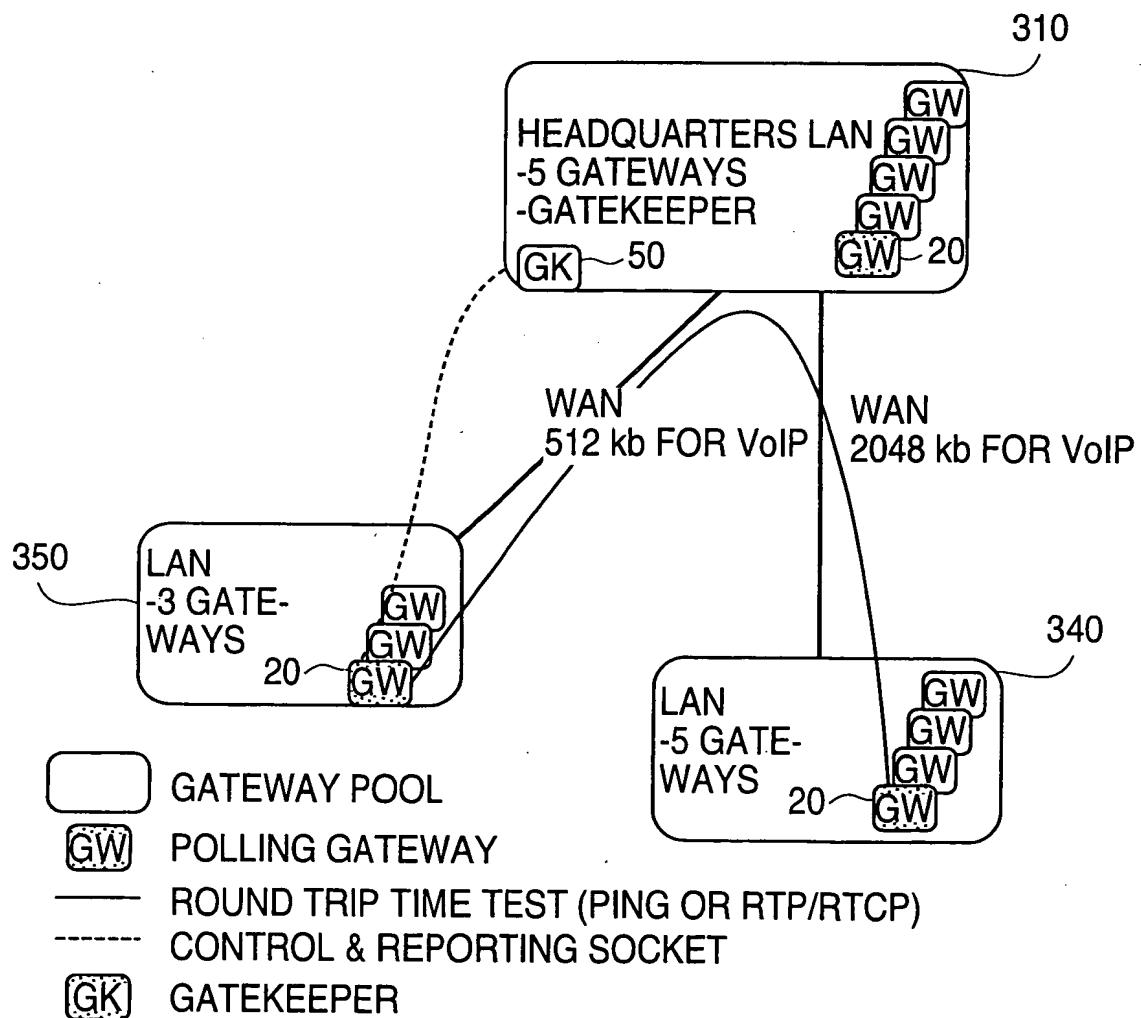


FIG. 5

